

(a) whether Indian Economic and Trade delegation visited European countries to find out the scope of trade and economic collaborations with those countries;

(b) whether the delegations has submitted its report to the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Losses to sugar units due to exports**

3774. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:  
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem appearing in Hindustan Times dated January 20, 1992 under the caption "sugar units heavy losses due to exports";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Sugar industry has suffered a loss of about rupees 44 crores due to export of sugar this year;

(d) whether the Sugar industry has declared certain relaxation for this industry to make up this loss; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). It was stated in the newsitem that

(i) Loss is being incurred on the export of sugar, which is shared on a pro-rata basis by all sugar mills, even after taking into account the profits earned from the export of preferential quotas.

(ii) Various measures were initiated by Indian Sugar & General Industry Export - Import Corporation (ISGIEIC) to improve acceptability of Indian sugar in world market in respect of both quality and packing.

(iii) ISGIEIC has been fulfilling all its contracts fully, to the entire, to the entire satisfaction of foreign buyers.

(iv) India has been recognised as a dependable supplier of sugar.

(v) Sugar industry is opposed to second or larger number of agencies including individual sugar mills to export sugar.

In view of increased production of sugar and on persistent requests from the sugar industry, initially a quantity of 2 lakhs MTs of sugar was released for export during 1991-92 with adhoc CCS @ 20% of FOB value on exports. The quantity was later increased to 5 lakh MTs with CCS containing @ 20% CCS on all exports, including for sugar, was discontinued w.e.f. 3rd July, 1991. An instrument called EXIM scrip was introduced in lieu of CCS and IEP licences. W.e.f. 1.3.92 Exim scrip has also been discontinued consequent on partial convertibility of rupee announced in the Budget.

The quantity released for export included 20, 500 MTs of preferential quota sugar for

export to USA and EEC. The industry were expected to make substantial profits on it. Though exports the industry were also benefited to the extent they were saved from the inventory carrying costs. Finally, in undertaking these exports the industry were to be guided by their commercial judgement.

### **DTC Buses for Schools**

3775. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the buses of Delhi Transport Corporation are being hired out to carry the students of Public Schools;

(b) if so, the total number of buses being hired out;

(c) the amount earned by the Delhi Transport Corporation from each bus per month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 662 buses.

(c) The average amount earned per bus on school charter service in January, 1992 was Rs. 4, 817/-.

[English]

### **Income tax rent received by NRTs**

3776. PROF. PREMDHUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the immovable properties owned and rented by Non-Resident Indians in India and

whether the annual rent receivable in respect of such properties is taxable from the date of introduction of the provisions of Section 195 of the Income Tax Act, 1961;

(b) if so, the details of such identified properties and annual rent received against these properties during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(c) the income tax received under this section since its introduction;

(d) the number of cases in which prosecutions have been launched against defaulters;

(e) whether some cases have been finalised; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). No separate statistics is maintained by the Income-tax Department in respect of immovable properties owned and rented by Non-Resident Indians in India and, therefore, the information about such properties and the annual rent received by the non-resident Indians during 1988-89 to 1990-91 is not available. The rental income derived by an assess, including a non-resident Indian, is taxable. The provisions of section 195 enjoins the payer to deduct tax at source at the time of payment or credit of taxable income (including rental income in respect of an immovable property) to a non-resident.

(c) Section 195 of the Income-tax Act has been in existence since the very inception of the said Act. The figures of total collection under the said Section during the last 5 year are as under:-